

City of Byron
Mayor and Council Minutes
January 21, 2025

The City of Byron Mayor and Council met in special session at 10:00 am in the Office of the Mayor at the Municipal Complex. Mayor Michael Chidester, Council Members James Richardson, Rusty Adams, Michael Chumbley, Chris Hodges, and Alan Dorsey were in attendance. City Attorney Brian Causey was absent. City employees that attended were City Administrator Tiffany Sandefur, City Clerk Telina Allred, Director of Public Works Tiffany Bibb, Police Chief Wesley Cannon, and Assistant to the City Administrator Melanie Bickford. There were five (5) visitors at the meeting and no representatives from the media were in attendance.

Mayor Pro Tem Michael Chumbley called the meeting to order at 10:00 am.

BID OPENING FOR DEMO OF OLD BYRON SCHOOL: Mayor Chidester opened the following bids as follows:

BID 1-JB Walker Homes gave a quote of \$547,000. The bid package included a thumb drive, a 10% bid bond, proof of liability insurance, references and five extra copies.

BID 2-Southeastern Demolition & Environmental Services, Inc. out of Atlanta with a quote of \$267,000. But to expedite in 3 to 4 weeks the total would be \$367,000. The bid package included a thumb drive, six copies, bidder qualifications, 10% bid bond, letter of insurance to provide all documents to show proper coverage, and E-Verify documents.

BID 3-Complete Demolition Services, LLC of Carrollton quoted \$388,200 for the job. They included a thumb drive, 10% bid bond, E-verify affidavit, certificate of liability insurance, equipment list, extra copies, and references.

BID 4-Eagle Demolition and Environmental of Carrollton quoted \$449,028. They included a thumb drive, list and scope of services, financial and legal stability statement, 10 % bid bond, E-verify affidavit, corporate history and references, and certificate of liability insurance.

City Administrator Tiffany Sandefur stated that she would supply the checklist out to council very soon in order to have a called meeting next week.

Mayor Chidester asked that the agenda be amended so as to add as item (7) Old City Hall roof.

UPDATED SEWER RATES: Mayor Michael Chidester stated that Macon Water Authority (MWA) went up on their rates and as a result the City of Byron cannot charge the public less than what it must pay. Motion made by Chris Hodges, seconded by Michael Chumbley to

approve the updated sewer rates. Unanimous.

LEASE AGREEMENT WITH CVB FOR TRAIN DEPOT AND JAIL: Motion made by Chris Hodges, seconded by Michael Chumbley to approve the following Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute a rental agreement with the Convention & Visitor's Bureau (CVB) regarding the City Train Depot and Old Jail.

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BYRON, GEORGIA AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF BYRON AND THE BYRON CONVENTION AND VISITORS BUREAU AUTHORITY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the City of Byron, Georgia and it is hereby so resolved by the authority of same that the Mayor is authorized to execute an agreement with the Byron Convention and Visitors Bureau Authority in substantially the same form as the attached Exhibit "A" which by this reference is made a part of this resolution.

All Resolutions or portions of Resolutions in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

SO RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BYRON, GEORGIA ON THE 21st DAY OF JANUARY, 2025.

UPDATED WRECKER FEES: Mayor Chidester stated the suggested increase was due to a cost-of living adjustment. Motion made by Alan Dorsey, seconded by Chris Hodges to approve the updated wrecker fees. Unanimous.

HOUSING AUTHORITY PROPERTY TAX PAYMENTS: Due to the Housing Authority having a new CPA, it was discovered that years 2023 and 2024 "in lieu taxes" amounts still needed to be paid to the City of Byron totalling \$11,069.19. Chris Hodges made a motion, seconded by Michael Chumbley to approve receiving the payment "in lieu of taxes" from the Housing Authority for years 2023 and 2024 to the City of Byron and going forward. Unanimous.

MUNICIPAL COMPLEX AUDITORIUM ESTIMATE: Chris Hodges made a motion, seconded by Michael Chumbley to approve the estimate from Kelvin Epps Painting Company for outside painting and repair to the Municipal Complex Auditorium in the amount of \$9,590.00. Unanimous.

OLD CITY HALL ROOF: It was stated that JB Walker Homes cannot do the job for the amount originally quoted, but the city can re-award the job, if it chooses, and add the \$2,000.00 back in that is needed to complete the job. Chris Hodges made a motion, seconded by Michael Chumbley to re-award the roofing job to JB Walker Homes in the amount of \$27,400.00.

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Rusty Adams abstained from the vote. Those voting in favor were Hodges, Chumbley, Richardson, and Dorsey. MOTION PASSED.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion made by Chris Hodges, seconded by Michael Chumbley to adjourn the meeting at 10:39am. Unanimous.

Telina Allred
Clerk of Council